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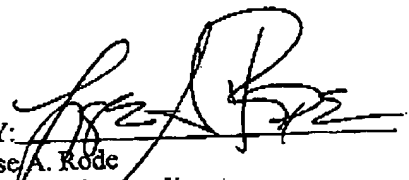
Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 5 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,443,446 in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20020001105, filed May 30, 2001. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10-13 have been amended herein. Claim 1 includes the limitations of former claim 2; claim 5 includes the limitations of former claim 6; and, claim 10 includes the limitations of former claim 11. In view of these amendments and for the above-stated reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, and 12-14 are now allowable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in condition for allowance. It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request prompt and favorable consideration of this Response including Amendment and reconsideration of the application on whole. An early Notice of Allowance is also respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe that personal communication would expedite prosecution of

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this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (215) 986-5169.

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